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SUBJECT: US DIPLOMATIC PRACTICES

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1. IMPORTANT DISTINCTION IN MATTER RAISED BY MFA IS BETWEEN BEING ACCREDITED AS AMBASSADOR TO A COUNTRY AND HOLDING AMBASSADORIAL RANK WITHIN A PERSONNEL SYSTEM OR ON A PERSONAL BASIS. ON FIRST, DCM IS CORRECT IN NOTING ONLY ONE AMBASSADOR TO A COUNTRY CAN BE RECOGNIZED. WASHINGTON DIPLOMATIC LIST COULD, THUS, NOT LIST ANYONE WITH THAT RANK OTHER THAN THE AMBASSADOR. A DCM WITH SUCH A RANK IN A PERSONNEL SYSTEM (SUCH AS IRANIAN DCM IN WASHINGTON WHO HAS JUST BEEN PROMOTED) COULD BE LISTED AS MINISTER.

2. ON LESS FORMAL BASIS, A DIPLOMAT WITH RANK OF AMBASSADOR IN A PERSONNEL SYSTEM, COULD BE ADDRESSED ORALLY OR IN

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WRITING AS QUOTE MR. AMBASSADOR UNQUOTE OR QUOTE EXCELLENCY UNQUOTE.

3. SITUATION IN USUN IS THAT WE HAVE ONLY ONE AMBASSADOR, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL OTHERS ARE SO ADDRESSED ON BASIS OF PERSONAL RANK. THOSE LATTER ARE LISTED IN DIPLOMATIC LIST

WITH TITLES SUCH AS QUOTE DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE. UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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